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Classified By: Charge d, Affaires, Tuli Mushingi for reasons 1.4 (B) and (D).

- [1](#)1. (C) On December 8, Political-Economic Counselor met with the Director of the Directorate-General for International Organizations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Grum, to deliver Reftel A points on the potential Ethiopian candidate for the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS). Grum said he had known Getachew Engida for 30 years. He did not have his CV, but said Ato Getachew had an MBA and other advanced degrees. Grum stated the GoE had no concerns about Getachew's qualifications to do this job.
- [1](#)2. (C) Grum said that in temperament, Getachew was very extroverted but could be really tough when he needed to be. He would have no problem "standing up to pushy member states." What Ethiopia is concerned about is campaigning for Getachew and "getting our hands slapped." Ethiopia has never campaigned for a position at this UN level, Grum noted.
- [1](#)3. (U) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has charged the Ethiopian representative to the African Union, Ambassador Condit, to sound out the AU about its enthusiasm for this candidacy. The UNESCO Africa group has asked the AU to support Getachew. Grum stated that Ethiopia's concern is about tactics and that they have not yet decided how to proceed. Post will report any further updates on the candidate that we receive from the MFA.

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